

# State Sen. Bonini visits the John Dickinson Plantation in Dover to celebrate accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums

(DOVER, Del.—Feb. 19, 2018)—State Sen. [Colin Bonini](#) recently visited the [John Dickinson Plantation](#), located at 340 Kitts Hummock Road in Dover, Del., to celebrate the [accreditation](#) of the museum system of the State of Delaware by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest recognition afforded to museums in the United States. Administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, the system includes [five state museums](#)—the John Dickinson Plantation near Kitts Hummock; the Johnson Victrola Museum and Old State House in downtown Dover; the New Castle Court House Museum; and the Zwaanendael Museum in Lewes—and the state's archaeological and historic-objects [collections](#).



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Dickinson Plantation in celebration of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs' accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums. From left: division director Tim Slavin, Bonini, site-supervisor Gloria Henry and historic-site interpreter Vertie Lee

Developed and sustained by museum professionals for over 45 years, the alliance's [accreditation program](#) is the field's primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation and public accountability. It strengthens the museum profession by promoting practices that enable leaders to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely and remain financially and ethically accountable in order to provide the best possible service to the public.



The John Dickinson Plantation, Delaware's first National Historic Landmark, was the boyhood home of John Dickinson, a founding father of the United States, a framer and signer of the U.S. Constitution and "Penman of the Revolution." The site's Georgian-style mansion stands as a memorial to this American patriot, legislator and farmer. The plantation is a partner site in the [First State National Historical Park](#). It is currently open for visitation and tours from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. Go to the following for a comprehensive, long-term [calendar](#) of division-sponsored events. For additional information, call 302-739-3277.



Mansion house at the John Dickinson  
Plantation